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### Black History month celebrates London's heroes

The London Black History Coordinating Committee today announced its lineup for this year's events taking place throughout the month of February - officially recognized as Black History Month in Canada.

Beginning with its Opening Celebration this Sunday at Museum London, Black History Month is a time for the entire community to take part in festivities and events intended to honour the legacy of Black Canadians, past and present.

"London strongly values the diversity of its citizens, which helps to make our city one of the best places in the world to live and work," says Mayor Anne Marie DeCicco-Best. "Our creative community is enriched by the many contributions of thousands of individuals of many different ethnic backgrounds, and our ongoing goal is to ensure our community is a welcoming home for all."

The Committee has a number of activities planned throughout Black History Month, including a discussion on Racism and Discrimination, a Black History Film Night, African Gallery Night and a Program for Children and Their Families.

"I welcome all Londoners to participate in some of the exciting programs being planned to honour Black History Month 2008," says Michelle Edwards, Chair, London Black History Coordinating Committee. "The LBHCC was formed in 2002, out of a desire to increase awareness of Black History Month activities in the London area. We are committed to providing programs and services that will increase public understanding of the diversity and history of London's black community."

The LBHCC has been supported by the London Cross Cultural Learner Centre, Museum London, the Children's Museum, the City of London and the London Public Library since its beginnings in 2002. Black History Month concludes at the end of February with a Closing Gala at the Wolf Performance Hall. For more information on events, visit www.lcclc.org.